

THE DEFENDER

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THE ARCH OF CONSTANTINE



THIS arch which stands in the city of Rome, was erected to celebrate the victory of Constantine over Maxentius and Maximin A.D. 312. The inscription at the top symbolizes the end of Paganism. Maximin, one of the many persecutors of the early Christians, had sworn previous to the battle that in the event of victory, he would wipe the name of Jesus off the face of the earth. Constantine's triumph put an end to the torture of Christians, with the result that he became the most unpopular man in the city of Rome. For this reason he went seven hundred miles east and built a new city which was afterwards named in his honor, Constantinople. He made it a Christian community in which not one Pagan temple was permitted to exist. The above arch is regarded as the beginning of the Appian Way, a famous Roman road, which today may be traced for miles south from Rome.

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GERALD B. WINROD, Editor

HANDOUT

"For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known." Matthew 10:26.

"**HANDOUT**" is the title of a new book written by two newspaper reporters who are "in the know" at Washington. It is published over the pen-name George Michael. During the first ten days of its existence, reports say that 15,000 copies were sold—a record.

Roosevelt and his fellow "Liberals" are evidently trying to kill the book with indifference. But it is the kind of an exposure that simply can not be ignored! No attempt is being made to answer its disclosures, regarding the unthinkable corruption which is said to be going on in the inner circles of the national government.

Our nation can not expect to exist permanently if it continues to tolerate the kind of moral disease which is now festering in the flesh of official Washington. As the average citizen reads the story of duplicity and intrigue revealed in "Handout", he will come to the conclusion that the country is now ready to write one word over the door of the Roosevelt Administration: "**DECEPTION**".

During the World War, a new system was developed at the White House for releasing information to the public, which was deliberately colored to hold the people together and at the same time excite a war psychology. These news "releases" came to be known as "handouts".

When Roosevelt took office, he revived this plan of regulating public thinking and educating it to the views held by himself and his Brain Trusters. But he has conducted the scheme on a larger scale than the Country has ever known before.

Putnam's Sons, the Publishers of "Handout", declare: "What you (and every other American) think about national affairs is being influenced and controlled, this book contends, by elaborate, systemized and very ingenious methods of propaganda and censorship instigated by the present Administration and financed by millions of dollars of your money."

Four great instruments have been taken over by the New Dealers for the purpose of molding the thinking of the people according to Rooseveltian Socialistic theories, in anticipation of the coming revolution. Those instruments are: (1) the Press, (2) Radio, (3) News reel, and (most insidious of all)—(4) the word-of-mouth trick of "planting" Special Ideas.

The mimeographs are kept humming by hundreds of propagandists, paid with tax money. Talk about lobbies! Roosevelt is running the greatest lobby the world has ever known, according to "Handout".

Newspaper men have been hired by the hundreds to run this publicity machine—a greater machine than the one which existed during the War; and the Roosevelt machine is led by the same men who were at the head of the wartime propaganda.

The pages of this book are crammed full of bonafide examples showing how this nefarious plan is being carried out. One illustration will suffice in this announcement; this illustration has to do with the "genial smiling" Postmaster General, James Aloysius Farley, the Roman Catholic dispenser of patronage who has set an all time record for corruption in national politics. Moreover, his Tammany bias in favoring the Roman Church in the matter of appointments to public offices, etc., involves a story that is equalled only by his shrewd and secret manipulation of the New York General Builders' Corporation, which is now known to be a private business enterprise through which he is said to be "making" enormous sums of money.

The New Dealers were sent to office on the pledge that they would practice economy and efficiency in the management of governmental business. They told the voters that business methods would be put into operation to eliminate waste and overlapping, to reduce operating expenses in the various departments. These pledges like scores of others have been deliberately broken.

Inefficiency and mismanagement have always existed in the Post Office Department. This explains its huge deficit from year to year. With a great display of gusto Mr. Farley informed the people that presto chango, all of this would be corrected as soon as he took office!

And don't forget, the Postmaster General owns his quota of mimeographs! He has about him a group of workers who know how to turn out the "handouts" with lightning speed.

Did Mr. Farley wipe out the deficit of the Post Office Department? Did he introduce business methods to lift the standards of his division? He certainly did!—to hear him tell it! Here is his

annual report submitted to the President as of December 31, 1934: "... for the twelve-month period which ended June 30, 1934, the revenue of the Post Office department showed a deficiency for the fourth consecutive year. Notwithstanding this decline, it is my pleasure to report a net operating postal surplus of \$12,161,415.05."

As soon as this announcement was made, the mimeographs started whirling with even greater speed than before. Front-page headlines all over the Country, glared with news: "Farley, the great business executive has done the phenomenal thing of putting the Post Office Department on its feet." "**HANDOUT**" SHOWS THAT THIS WAS A PLAIN BARE-FACED LIE!

In a press conference, the President referred to Farley's report as an example of governmental business efficiency. Then the secret leaked out. Farley had deliberately falsified his report and juggled his figures to temporarily deceive the public. By careful tabulation, this book shows he actually had a deficit of \$37,838,584.93 for the year.

No Christian patriot will be able to read "Handout" without a deep feeling of sorrow and regret. Such deception as is now taking place in Washington means the demoralization of our entire system of government. It is an ominous sign! It is unmistakable "hand-writing on the wall". And yet, there is no sense in Christians burying their heads in the sand like ostriches. Every citizen may as well face the plain stubborn reality!

"HANDOUT"

By George Michael

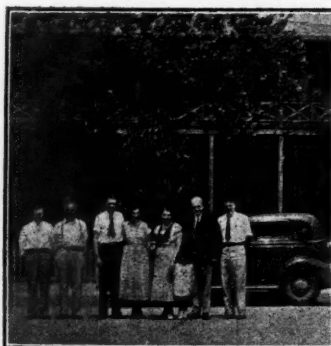
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THE DEFENDER MAGAZINE

Defenders' Song, "Faith of Our Fathers"

Defenders' Motto, "Back to the Bible"

Jews and Jesuits

By Gerald B. Winrod

PROTESTANTISM is being attacked by a combination of destructive forces which threaten its very existence. These sinister agencies are working both *inside and outside* the organized Church.

The present lamentable decay of Christianity is due largely to the fact that it is being Judaized. The same demon spirit that caused the prophets to be stoned, Christ to be crucified, the apostles to be murdered, and the Church to be persecuted through the centuries—this same Satanic power is today working through evil men for the purpose of blotting true Christianity from the face of the earth.

The thousands of Modernists who have invaded our pulpits, and otherwise taken over commanding positions in all denominations, hold the same views that Jews have always held with reference to the Person of Jesus Christ and the fundamentals of the Christian Faith.

For instance: In the year 1909, a Jew by the name of Franz Hartman wrote a book called "The Life of Jehoshua" in which he declared the virgin Mary to have been a lewd woman and a Roman soldier named Pandira the real father of our Lord. Such blasphemy is revolting, and yet every consistent Modernist preacher holds the same view, namely, that Christ was conceived out of wedlock and was therefore a bastard.

Both Modernists and Jews deny the virgin birth of Christ. And this is the equivalent to challenging the character of His mother. It has never occurred to many "Liberal" Churchmen that these Judaistic ideas may have been deliberately "planted" in the well-springs of Christian thought for the purpose of weakening the spiritual resistance of the Church by means of scholastic doubt.

IN contemplating the age-old Jewish attack upon Christianity, our minds turn instinctively to the treatment which Christians are today receiving at the bloody hands of the Communists. (No one now takes the trouble to deny that international Communism is a Jewish scheme from beginning to end, the major purpose of which is to exterminate Christian believers.)

Elsewhere in this issue of *The Defender* there are articles by Mr.

Kroeker and Mr. Johnson, both Russians by birth, setting forth a true statement of the most recent attitude of the Soviets toward the Cause of Christ.

In a new booklet entitled "*The Jewish Assault on Christianity*", I have tried to show how the trials and tribulations of the Church, since its birth nineteen centuries ago, are for most part directly traceable to cunning schemes put into operation by Jews who have invariably maneuvered things from behind the scenes, using Gentile "fronts" to carry out their diabolical conspiracies.

But there is one important phase of the question which I have reserved for discussion this month: *The manner in which organizations within the Roman Catholic Church have been used for the accomplishment of this objective, particularly the Order known as the "Society of Jesus"—or the Jesuits.*

Although its hostile environment began weakening the Church from the beginning and the apostate seeds of its own dissolution started taking root even while the apostles were still living, yet within this great external organization, there has always been a nucleus of true saints capable of preserving the spirit, purpose and vision, of the apostolic age.

It was this underlying spiritual element that asserted itself by producing the reformers who preceded the coming of Martin Luther. Finally, a moral and spiritual earthquake took place in the year 1517 at Wittenberg, Germany, the reverberations of which were heard around the world.

The apostate wing of the Church, with headquarters in the city of Rome, continued in the paths of paganism. The Church of the Reformation swung back in the direction of first century Christianity. The chief Patriarch of the Roman Church had become known as "the Papa"—the Pope.

Both Jews and Romanists, viewed with alarm, the sudden growth of Protestantism and began uniting their efforts to destroy the so-called heretics. It has always been so! Jews and Catholics have never found it difficult to agree on one thing, namely, that Protestantism is a menace to human society. And today they have a third group helping them—the Modernists.

There are a hundred things taking

place before our eyes that testify to the unity existing between these three groups. One example: There is an organization with headquarters in New York City, which carries the names of some prominent men on its letterhead, that exists for the purpose of uniting Jews, Catholics and Modernists in cutting the very foundations from beneath Protestantism. The ramifications of this organization reach into all parts of the United States. Editors are bombarded *every week* with their costly printed propaganda, sent through the mails.

TO fully appreciate what the Protestant believers endured during the latter part of the sixteenth century one must study the rise of the Order of the Jesuits, appropriately called the *Black International*.

The influence of the Reformation was steadily increasing. England and Germany were particularly effected. For a time, it looked as though John Calvin would succeed in doing for France and Switzerland what Luther had done in Germany.

The French Protestants were dubbed Huguenots. We shall see presently that the Jesuit Order was responsible for bringing the Reformation to a halt in southern Germany, at the same time destroying it completely in France. The Jesuits stemmed the Protestant movement in other countries.

It is not generally known that the Jesuit Order was a Jewish creation designed by its founders to breed eternal hatred between the two branches of Christianity, with the ultimate objective of putting a permanent end to Protestantism because it represented more nearly the ideals and principles of the original Church.

Straight through the centuries, the Jews have regarded the Christian Faith as a perverted off-shoot of their religion, a thing set up by a false Messiah, a thing to be hated due to its origin, and feared because if successful it would mean the undoing of Judaism.

The Jesuit Order was founded by a Spanish nobleman named Ignatius Loyola, who is reported, on best historic authority, to have been a Jew. The organization, launched August 16, 1534, professed to be born of a deep religious impulse but its primary purpose was to work along military lines for the

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IS Mussolini's life charmed by some mysterious unseen power? All attempts to destroy him have failed. Lightning struck the airplane which he was piloting one day last month, hitting the wireless antenna and causing the radio operator to faint. Arthur Brisbane, the news-writer says: "Mussolini cast an indignant glance in the direction of the thunder, and took the plane safely to earth. The lightning probably said to itself: 'I hit the wrong man'. That news will interest Ethiopia. If you can't kill Mussolini with bullets that have been fired at him, and if lightning itself can't hurt him, what will hurt him?"

STANDING in the Coliseum one day last month, Mussolini told 7,000 soldiers: "These stones are eloquent of the greatness of Rome, achieved through the force of her arms and the wisdom of her laws. Nothing prevents us from believing that the destinies of yesterday will not be those of tomorrow." He declared modern Rome would equal the greatness of ancient Rome when the city ruled the known world.

AN OLD TRICK of rulers has always been to start a war with some other country when things begin going to pieces at home. Guglielmo Ferrero, Europe's noted historian, explains: "The war in Ethiopia is only a means for concealing the complete failure of Fascism's European policy by directing public attention to another objective. . . . Mussolini would prefer catastrophe to confession." In selecting Ethiopia as a nation against which to vent his wrath, he chose a Country which he thinks can be easily conquered. Russia would have been a more logical foe but, like the bully at school, Mussolini evidently prefers to fight where the odds are all in his favor.

AS MUSSOLINI continues to station his troops, by the tens of thousands, along the borders of Ethiopia, Negroes all over the United States are holding prayer-meetings asking God to intervene so that the impending massacre may be avoided. This action reminds one of Psalms 68:31 which says:

"Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God."

THE PRICE of Italian cheese is skyrocketing to heights heretofore unknown because Mussolini is sending it, in enormous quantities, away with his soldiers to Ethiopia. One distressed Italian merchant in New York, shouted to newspaper reporters, employing appropriate gestures of hand waving: "You may say that I view with alarm; I view with two alarm; three alarm and even five alarm." He suggested that those who insist on eating Italian cheese, and can't pay the tremendous prices, have one way out—join the Black Shirt army.

AT THE very time when Mussolini was preparing to strike Ethiopia, a Negro heavyweight prize fighter defeated an Italian pugilist in a fierce struggle at New York. The Negro is Joe Louis; the Italian is Primo Carnera. It is believed that this event contributed to Italian hatred because Carnera happens to be a personal friend of Mussolini's.

MUSSOLINI says that one reason why he is attacking Ethiopia is because the government has until recently tolerated slavery, but he fails to explain that with his system of secret police and Black Shirt mobs, he has reduced the entire Italian nation to a state of virtual slavery, with himself as the world's greatest slave-driver, next to Stalin. Fascism has destroyed all personal liberty in Italy.

PHOTOGRAPHS of Ethiopia's king, Haile Selassie, shows that he has perfect Jewish features, clothed with a black skin. He claims to be descendant of Solomon and the Queen of Sheba. It will be recalled that, according to Scripture, Solomon's morals were none too good after he apostasized and departed from the precepts originally given him by divine revelation. Haile Selassie regards his Country as being a Christian nation. He has always welcomed missionaries to work among his people. In a recent statement, he said: "I shall march to battle with my Archbishop carrying the Ark of the Covenant before me! I shall lead my troops in person onto the battlefield and I do not expect to meet there Premier Mussolini."

STUDENTS of Bible prophecy have been watching Mussolini for several years, because exactly such a man is described in the book of Daniel, to arise during the end-time of this age and revive the old Roman Empire. This predicted superman is called "the prince" of the "people that shall come" and "destroy the city and the sanctu-

ary". The Romans destroyed Jerusalem and the "sanctuary". Therefore, the man to whom Daniel refers has to be a Roman. Mussolini's ambitions across the Mediterranean are due to the fact that the old Roman Empire included the rim of northern Africa. Daniel 11:42-43, "He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape . . . and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps."

WHEN L. G. McBurney died at San Pedro, California in December 1933, he left \$1,000 in his will for Roosevelt and another \$1,000 for Stalin. To each of his children he left \$1.00. Roosevelt decided to turn his share over to the relatives and last month, the San Pedro court received a document bearing J. Stalin's signature indicating that he had also decided to relinquish his claim.

AN ENCOURAGING sign is the fact that so many books are reaching the public, written by former Russian Bolsheviks, exposing the true character of the Moscow conspiracy from the inside. One of the most valuable volumes of this type is "Among the Red Autocrats", by George Solomon, who was at one time a leader in the dictatorship, but later turned against his comrades and has now revealed no end of inner secrets. The Defender is glad to cooperate in distributing this volume of 220 pages, \$1.00.

SKEPTICS may scoff, but the stubborn fact remains that Kansas got no relief from the recent dust storms until after special prayers had been offered in all parts of the State. Rain began to fall almost immediately. II Chronicles 7:14, "If my people shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways . . . I will heal their land."

BEWARE of organizations, and public mass meetings, devoted ostensibly to the promotion of unity between Jews, Catholics and Protestants. In such groups, the Protestants are invariably represented by Modernists. An organization known as "The National Conference of Jews and Christians" pours forth a never ceasing stream of weekly propaganda. It has arranged for public rallies, in all parts of the Country, sponsored by priests, rabbis and preachers. Editors are being deluged with its mimeographed "releases". Although not a Communist organization, it advocates Communist principles, in the sense that it screams against "War and Fascism". Various movements are trying to make so much noise about Fascism that the people will lose sight of the rapid growth of Communism.

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"The Fellowship of Christ's Sufferings" in Russia

By Rev. John Johnson, Russia Inland Relief Mission, 690 Eighth Ave., New York City, N. Y.

(Editor's Note: This exposure of the terrible suffering which Christians are enduring at the merciless hands of the Soviets, becomes increasingly significant when it is realized that the Author is a native of Russia and has spent considerable time there since the Reds took over the Country. He has ways for securing first-hand information in spite of the rigid system of censorship).

PAUL, the great apostle, wrote to the Philippians:

"But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ . . . that I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings."

The inspired words of the apostle reveal the motivating principle governing true Christian discipleship. They should be the testimony of every born-again child of God. But alas, the past and present history of Christianity confirms the opposite to be the case. It is a matter for the deepest regret that the majority of Christians are totally absorbed in their own interest instead of Christ's.

However, the fact that so many of God's children are living self-centered lives should not alarm or discourage the true believer, because the spiritual yearning that was in Paul still lives, and is repeatedly manifested in the members of the Body of Christ throughout the world.

It is true that the spirit of self-denial and yearning for Christlikeness in the life is only attained through fellowship in the sufferings of Christ. It is not so material the manner in which the individual believer participates in "His sufferings", but if he does, it is always certain the self-life will die under the power of the Christ-life within.

For the past eighteen years the attention of the Christian world has been focussed upon the severe test which has fallen to the lot of the Christians in Russia to endure for Christ. Under the cruel, merciless and ungodly regime of Communism, the Christians, day and night, have been, and are, passing through the fires of indescribable persecution. They have been thrown into prison, exiled and exposed to every form of physical hardship. Husbands and wives are forcibly separated; parents taken away from their children; and in many cases the children left without any means of support. It is impossible to describe or comprehend the agonizing sufferings through which

the children of God are passing at the present time in Russia. Their calamities are so great, they numb the sensibilities of our souls.

The thoughts expressed in this article are not mere illusions, but facts based upon authentic and direct information received from the sufferers themselves, and on the personal experiences of the writer who visited Soviet Russia a short time past, seeing with his own eyes the conditions herein depicted.

Slavery in Russia

Almost all the people of Russia, including Christians, are practically slaves of the Communistic system. They have no freedom of speech, of assembly, of press, of trade, nor of private life. Everything and everybody are under pitiless control of the government.

Children and young people up to the age of 18 years are barred from the services of the few churches which are allowed to remain open. No Sunday Schools, Young People's meetings, or any form of youthful religious activities are permitted. The leaders are determined to keep the rising generation under the absolute control of Atheism. As a matter of fact, the insidious control of Communism is fastening itself upon the very thought life of the people in general. Their motto seems to be: "As we are, you shall be."

The Communistic agents in Russia are authorized to exercise full liberty of decision in the discharge of his duties, even to the murder of innocent children or youths, if they so much as insult him in the least. A citizen has no right to say a word against these agents in the face of the vilest persecution. These things are hardly believable in the United States, but they are absolutely true of conditions there.

Fear in Russia

The absolutism inherent and expressed in the political control of the Soviet government over the whole social order of the people has bludgeoned them into a continual state of terror. Everyone is afraid and suspicious of everyone else. Fear dominates the nation. During the day everybody is afraid that someone will suspect them of being antagonistic toward the government, and at night they are afraid the G. P. U. Agents will come and arrest or kill them.

A friend of the writer spent about a month in Russia in 1935, and while visiting his birth-place for two weeks, ten or more persons were arrested and disappeared during the night. Most of them were Christians. This is a daily occurrence.

The mental torment of the people is without a parallel in the history of the human race. It has transformed the human slaves of Communism into a speechless and expressionless mass of humanity. A recently returned American visitor to Russia, living in Brooklyn, New York has stated: "We have just finished a trip to hell and back. We saw no happy, smiling faces in Russia, as we saw in all other countries.

All seemed to have a look of sullen discontent, a sad look of hopelessness and resignation."

Poverty in Russia

Because of the doctrine of Communism, that everything human society uses or consumes, belongs to the state, the citizen has no right to claim anything as his own. There is no such thing as private ownership, not even of the individual's own life. Their definition of Utopia is something like this: "Everything belongs to everybody, but nothing can be claimed by anybody." This simply means that a few men in Moscow own the entire Russian Empire.

They have so completely pauperized the people that poverty stalks through the land as the veritable monarch of all it surveys. In millions of cases all lands and possessions of whatever kind or character have been confiscated, the owners thereof driven from their heritage, and left in the clutches of the greatest poverty.

Their poverty will be better understood from their own words. We quote from a letter received from a Russian Christian farmer: "The authorities forced me to give up all I possessed: house, land, cow, pigs, etc. Beside all this they required heavy taxes, and so I was left without anything. There is no income whatsoever, and myself and wife, and two small children are left to the fate of starvation."

This is but a small picture, though a striking example of the manner in which millions of Christians are being forced to pass through the fires, in sharing the sufferings of Christ.

Persecution in Russia

The government of Russia is Communistic in form. It is wholly materialistic, therefore atheistic and ungodly. Some have tried to make a distinction between the atheistic, Communist party, and the Soviet government, in order to put the blame for the persecutions of Christians upon the atheists.

Such a distinction is false. It is grossly deceitful, flowing from the source of the Communistic party itself, cleverly spread abroad over our own country by ingenious propaganda. There is no difference whatever between the

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Soviet government and the atheistic, Communist political party. They are all one. A unity masquerading as a trinity.

Therefore the government is actually the guilty and responsible party for the most cruel persecution of Christians in the history of the Church. Though launched by the Bolsheviks in 1917 it has persisted up to the present moment in undiminished magnitude and viciousness. It is different from any other form of persecution ever used against Christians.

In the past, Christians were persecuted because of their religious convictions, or beliefs. But the believers in Russia have been styled counter-revolutionists, opposed to the government, therefore treated as enemies on political grounds. By this cunning invention the Soviet government has been able to deceive the world, making other countries believe there has been no actual religious persecution in that country.

But it is a proven fact that the teachings of Communism are permeated with anti-religious doctrines. They rank Christianity, especially, as their greatest obstacle to world-wide domination. Hence, their singling out of Christians as counter-revolutionists, to be wiped off the earth. The Christians are everywhere and in every way molested, by depriving them of the right of citizenship, of the right to organize industrial, educational or benevolent institutions. They are arrested wholesale, thrown into dark, dirty prisons, exiled, mocked, and in millions of instances murdered.

The Christians are afraid to tell about these things openly because of reprisals, but they do it by an indirect method as a preacher's wife, the mother of six children, did recently in a letter from which we quote: "*My dear husband is not with us. He is in Acts 16: 23.*"

By reading this verse, I was informed of his present position, who up to March of this year was at liberty. And what a terrible situation for this poor sister in the Lord to be in, without means of support. Let us thank the Lord we are not in that godless country.

Starvation in Russia

The most dreadful of all the calamities that befall the Christians in Russia is that of starvation. In its duration, extent, and method of development, it is peculiar to the point of mystery. That is because it was systematically created and is systematically maintained.

Russia is the richest grain producing country in the world. All agriculture is now under the control of the government. The producer is not the owner of his grain, but must turn it over to the government. He is allotted only as much as the government prescribes. This amount lasts but a very short time. Short-rationing is purposely engaged in to keep the peasants under the whip-lash of practical starvation.

It is a very well known fact that the Soviet policy is to destroy the present generation of Russians in order to give the leaders a free hand in developing a

new, Communistic race. This can be achieved the quicker by the gradual process of "liquidation" by starvation. It has been estimated that in 18 years the number so destroyed has gone far beyond the 20,000,000 mark!

In 1934, a Christian brother from South Russia wrote as follows: "Concerning your desire to know the conditions in our country, and about our existence, we wish to inform you that it is very bad. In 1933 such conditions prevailed that it is impossible to describe. We were always in constant danger. There was widespread starvation. The people ate everything they could get hold of. Dogs, cats, and horses were stolen from one another and eaten; parents in many cases ate their children. As an eyewitness, I have seen starving people eating straw. Of course cannibalism does not exist among the Christians. It is impossible to get help from those around us since they are in the same condition. There is no possibility of existing without outside help."

Conditions there in 1935 are no better. Beside the shortage of vital commodities a new wave of persecution has arisen. Scores of letters received by the Russia Inland Relief Mission indicate that starvation and persecution are going on hand in hand. It will be sufficient to quote from just one of these letters. It is from the wife of an exiled Christian: "I wish to describe to

you in a few words the conditions of our miserable living. Our sufferings began in 1931, when we were forced to abandon our home and farm, and move to the city. In 1933, my husband was arrested and exiled for three years, and I was left alone with two small children, without any means of support. The oldest child is ten, the younger two years old. Every day they cry for their mother to give them food. But I have nothing to give them. It is impossible to write everything in detail, but our living conditions are terrific. Very dark clouds hang over us. Please save us from starvation."

The conditions prevailing among the Christians in Russia are a challenge to Christians everywhere. It gives the thoughtful among us some idea of what it means to be under the rule of the ungodly. And the brief recital of the above shows clearly the extent of the fellowship of our Russian brethren, in to the "sufferings of Christ". Millions of them are bearing these unspeakable burdens without so much as a murmur. What are we doing to help them?

As we pray that the Lord will deliver our own country from this accursed thing, let us also remember the words of Paul: "Bear ye one anothers burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ". The brethren in Russia are one with us, spiritually, belonging to the same Body of Christ. Let us be faithful in praying for them.

News From Russia's Interior

By A. Kroeker, Mountain Lake, Minnesota

TO the Readers of *The Defender* and similar publications, it is a well known fact that the Soviet government is robbing its subjects of everything except the right of working hard for a miserable and meager existence.

On the other hand, those citizens who are unable to perform the tasks required by their masters, are doomed to perish. Not long ago I received information regarding a relative of mine in Russia who had become critically ill because of lack of food, and since the individual (a woman) was living at a distance from the writer of the letter, it is likely that she has already become the victim of famine. No further report has reached me concerning her.

Russia's famines do not result from disorders in nature. They are deliberately caused by the government to make the people helpless and hopeless.

According to very definite information received lately, those inhabitants of Russia who suffer from great scarcity of food are now being forbidden to receive help from friends and relatives in other countries; it is especially punishable to mention their deplorable condition in letters to people outside of the Soviet borders. Although the Bolsheviks want foreign money badly, they have been going wild with rage lately when discovering that Russians are accepting help from abroad.

Two Soviet citizens have been

sentenced to death in the Ukraina for the reason that they dared to write their friends in a foreign country to support them in their dire need of bread. The *Dakota Freie Presse* tells of a citizen by the name of Doerksen who was put to death on February 14, and another farmer living in the vicinity of Odessa who was recently shot for the same reason. The latter was a father of six small children, and the charge against him was he sought foreign support for his starving family.

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For these reasons, Christian organizations in the United States, England and Germany, who are helping relieve the suffering of believers in Russia are finding it necessary to exercise great care in getting relief to the starving saints who are suffering such terrible persecutions under the monsters of Moscow.

There are others however, of the Soviet Republic who are more privileged than those mentioned above. The official paper of Moscow, *Pravda*, tells of the organizing of a prosperous Jewish settlement in the fruitful region of the Amur river. Large sums of money have been donated to the inhabitants of the community by Jews of Russia and foreign countries. From New York, a contribution was sent, large enough to outfit the Birobidshan hospital. *Jews are the favored people of Russia. Christians are being murdered while the Jews are prospering.*

It is possible that some may doubt the authenticity of my accounts regarding conditions in Russia; but I must affirm that it would be impossible to exaggerate.

A friend of mine received a letter not long ago, via Canada, in which a relative tells how their home was searched by the local Soviet officials. The soldiers were not able to detect the Bible which the owner kept in a secret place, but the Church song book was found and this was taken as ample evidence of the guilt of the citizen. His punishment was imprisonment.

According to correspondence from

Vienna, Cardinal Innitzer has received the following report: Two pastors living in the Ukraina, namely Woldemar Seib, of Dniepropetrowsk; and Friedrich Deutschmann of Hochsted are awaiting their death sentence. There are 27 ministers of the Gospel held in the local prison. Two other pastors have been exiled for ten years at hard labor, which means a living death until they finally drop in their tracks.

The pastors mentioned above, though Russians, are of German descent. More recent reports reveal that other citizens are sentenced to die because they requested support from their friends living in foreign countries. Even members of the Communistic regime are dealt with cruelly after being found guilty of trying to obtain outside help in their frightful condition. The situation is growing more critical because of added restrictions. *Many of the famine sufferers eat gopher meat to sustain their physical existence.*

I write as a native Russian who has seen his country torn to pieces by the savage wolves of Moscow. I write particularly in behalf of the Christians who are being tortured in every conceivable way. How long Oh Lord! How long will these unbearable conditions be allowed to continue! How long before God's wrath will strike down the Bolshevik leaders! How long before the sentiment of the world will be awakened against them!

Is it any wonder that Russian Christians think they are already in the "great tribulation"?

must follow in the likeness of Melchizedek.

"For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchizedek there ariseth another priest, Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life. For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek."

Now let us turn to Genesis 14:18-20. "And Melchizedek, king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: And blessed be the most high God which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes (one tenth) of all."

This statement must be associated with Hebrews 7:3 which speaks of Melchizedek and says that he was: "Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the son of God; abideth a priest continually (forever)."

Scientific Document in Stone

Isaiah 19:19-20 is usually taken to refer to the Great Pyramid at Gizeh. Is this interpretation correct? Or is there another "pillar" that more completely fulfills the requirements of this portion of Scripture? We shall return to the matter later.

The Egyptian *per se* was not a mathematician. In ancient times he had a very small knowledge of even the rudiments of Geometry, but the Pyramid stands today as a compendium of mathematics. It involves elements that test the ability of the most erudite mathematicians of the present time. There are some aspects of Pyramid science that cannot be solved with present knowledge.

Thus our first premise must be that the Egyptians, as such did not engineer the construction of the Great Pyramid, for they are not mentally capable of doing so.

Just to illustrate what I mean, let me say that the outside dimensions of the Pyramid, among other things, represents and defines the average sun distance from the earth; the function of the Solar Circle; the differences between the solar, sidereal, and orbital years.

Several of these functions were not known to modern astronomers until the famous "Precessional Formula" was published by its formulator, Dr. Simon Newcomb who is still living. The changing rate of precession was not discovered until a comparatively few years ago, yet the architect of the Pyramid.

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Who Was the Architect of the Great Pyramid?

By Dr. J. O. Kinnaman, Professor of Religious Education, Martin College, Pulaski, Tenn.

AS a structure, the Great Pyramid was built during the reign of the Pharaoh Khufu, the founder of the fourth Dynasty, and as sovereign, it was erected under his leadership.

But the question, "Who was the architect?" is an entirely different matter. In the article preceding this one, we set forth the purpose in building the Monument from the political angle. Now we propose to investigate regarding the actual architect who was responsible for the erection of the Great Pyramid.

The political significance of this Mystery in Stone can have no bearing upon its ultimate purpose—that purpose being far beyond political comprehension. In seeking the purpose, we must try to discover the architect.

Naturally we would expect to turn to profane history in order to seek our answer, but that is not the correct procedure in this investigation. We shall first use the Bible, then any such other data as may bear upon our theme.

Introducing Melchizedek

Let us turn to Matthew 22:42. While the Pharisees were crowding about Jesus, He suddenly turned to them and asked: "What think ye of Christ? Whose son is He?" When they answered that the Christ was the son of David, Jesus asked them how it was,

if the Christ be the son of David, that David shall have called Christ, Lord.

Jesus then quoted from the Psalms 110 to show that the Christ was not the son of David. If Jesus was not the son of David. Who was He? Is the genealogy of the four Gospels wrong?

Let us refer to Hebrews 7:13-18. Jesus was born of the tribe of Judah, and not of the priestly line established by Moses, namely the tribe of Levi. This passage seems to establish that there was need of something not found in the line of Levi, but that the priesthood

EDITOR'S NOTE

DR. KINNAMAN is a noted Christian archaeologist. He has prepared a series of three articles especially for *The Defender*, dealing with the great Pyramid. He says: "I do not write to sustain any 'cult' doctrine."

Although this article begins where last month's ended, yet it is ENTIRELY COMPLETE IN ITSELF. It is the Author's purpose to prove that Melchizedek was the actual builder of the Pyramid. The subject next month will be: "Egyptian Chronology and the Pyramid".

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amid had an accurate knowledge of the earth and its motions, and incorporated his knowledge into this great structure. The architect of the Pyramid had a greater knowledge of astronomical mathematics than is possessed by any man of today.

If the mathematics of the Great Pyramid is such as is possessed by no living man at the present time—how is it that the builder possessed such profound knowledge. And who was he?

We shall not enter further into a discussion of the mathematics involved, because it is too intricate for any except a mathematician. We can give only general results along this line of investigation, and I shall ask *Defender* readers to take my word for the statement regarding scientific revelations which it gives to the world.

Historical References

Do we find mention concerning the Pyramid in any of the writings of the Egyptians, or other nations? We do.

Josephus, the Jewish historian mentions it and gives us the name of the builders as Sethites, and closes his description with the words: "This pillar of stone remains in the land of Siriad (Egypt) to this day."

The Coptic writer, Masoudi, whose manuscript is now at Oxford, remarks in his description, that the wisdom and acquirements in the different arts and sciences are contained in the Great Pyramid.

We find that the "Egyptian Book of the Dead" contains, as it were, the blue prints of the monument. Either they are the actual blue prints, or those of an ideal pyramid that was a part of a ritual which was never committed to manuscript, or as we would say today, committed to print.

But it is curious that the ideal pyramid, (the blue print of the ideal pyramid) is identical with the Pyramid at Gizeh.

In ancient lore, the Pyramid was also known as "the Pillar of Enoch". This name was probably applied because a descendant of Enoch was the architect who actually built it.

In the Egyptian records, the name Iemhotep (Jemhotep) is given as the true builder. The Greeks called the same individual by the name of Sistrus which in turn has been trans-

literated into Melchizedek. The word means: "He who comes in peace." The title, "King of Peace" was an attribute of the order of Melchizedek. Iemhotep was also considered the "Son of God". Hebrews 7:3 says that the priest-king of the Melchizedek order "was made like unto the son of God". The writer of the Hebrews parallels the lives of Melchizedek and Jesus Christ.

Interior Discoveries

The Great Pyramid, as it stands is 454 feet 3 inches high on its apex axis; its base being about 749 feet 3 inches on each side. When the apex was yet on the Monument before vandals injured it, the Pyramid stood 484 feet 5 inches high.

There are 203 courses of masonry from the bottom to the "hotep" or table top, for it is now a truncated pyramid.

About fifty feet from the bottom on the north face is the entrance to the interior of the structure. Until after 820 A. D. this entrance was unknown. Caliph Al Mamoun forced an entrance, spending a fortune in doing so. By the merest accident his workmen came upon the ascending passageway.

They found what is known in the "Book of the Dead" as the "Hidden Lintel". They forced their way around it, removed blocks from the passageway for the distance of 125 feet, and thus opened the way to the Grand Gallery. The "Hidden Lintel" is still *in situ*; the tourist must pass around it as the Caliph did more than a thousand years ago.

At this entrance begins the Descending passageway, its angle of descent being 26 degrees 41'. The extent of the passage is exactly 6,000 Pyramid inches, ending in the "Pit" which is 90 feet below the base of the Pyramid. The height of the passageway is 3 feet, 11 inches, while its width is 3 feet 4 inches.

Just after we enter the Descending passageway we see a definite marking on the side walls, called "the scored line" which has been used as the base line of all interior measurements. Beginning with this line, and measuring 119½ British feet, we come to the ascending passageway. This passageway does not vary in width, nor height. The angle of ascent is the same as the sides of the Pyramid, 26 degrees 41'. It is 125 feet from the beginning of the passageway to the line that marks the beginning of the Grand Gallery. Just at this point another passageway leads to the Queen's Chamber.

The Grand Gallery is 155 feet in length; 3 feet, 4 inches wide on the floor level, but has a ramp 2 feet high, and 1 foot 8 inches thick. The distance to the ceiling is 28 feet 3 inches. The length of the floor and ceiling are not equal. The floor is exactly 157 feet, while the ceiling is 153 feet. The ceiling is about 2 feet wide, the side walls slanting upward at the angle of 26 degrees 18'.

At the upper end of the Grand Gallery our way is partially blocked by a stone called the "Great Step". This is so arranged in the masonry that it cannot be removed. Passing this block, the low and narrow passageway begins again and ends in the King's Chamber.

The separate object in the King's Chamber is the so-called sarcophagus,

or more properly, the "Coffer". In spite of certain assertions, traditions, and legends, the "Coffer" was never the sarcophagus of any Pharaoh. In the first place it never had a lid; there is no inscription of any sort on it anywhere; there is no indication that it ever had a wooden sarcophagus inside it, nor any of those "ear-marks" that would betray it as such. Its purpose was entirely different from that of being a coffin.

The "Coffer" was a standard measure of capacity. Its length is 77.85 inches; breadth 26.70 inches; depth 34.31 inches. The cubic contents, then, would be 71,317 cubic Pyramid inches. Allowing a co-efficient of variation, the weight of this volume of water at 68 degrees F., at Pyramid barometric pressure, would give also the standard weight-measure. It is a curious fact, but the Ark of the Covenant had exactly the same cubical capacity. Solomon's "Molten Sea" was just 50 times the cubical capacity of the ark, or just the capacity of the King's Chamber.

At the same time, the King's Chamber was the standard of temperature measurement. The mean annual temperature at the Great Pyramid, and in the Chamber, is 68 degrees F.

The Theology of the Pyramid

The ideal or real pyramid described in the "Book of the Dead" has a name for these passageways and chambers. The Pyramid Texts call the entrance "the Double Gate of the Horizon", or "Entrance to Light". The Descending Passageway is called the "Hall of Spiritual Degeneration". The Ascending Passageway is known as "The Hall of Truth in Darkness", while the Grand Gallery is denominated the "Hall of Truth in Light". The Queen's Chamber is called in the Pyramid Texts, "the Chamber of the New Birth", or "Second Birth". The King's Chamber is known as "the Hall of Resurrection and Judgment". The Pit is known as "the Chamber of Chaos". The entrance to the Ascending Passageway is also called "the Gate of Entrance", or "the Hidden Lintel".

Space forbids a detailed discussion of the spiritual significance of the above interior arrangements of the Pyramid

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Just at the entrance to the Grand Gallery is the opening that begins the "well shaft" or the narrow crooked passageway to the Grotto—this opening is known as the "Well of Life". The line across the floor of the entrance of the Grand Gallery is called "Crossing of Pure Waters of Life".

Thus we have named the passageways, chambers, etc., of the internal structure of the Pyramid. When we have traced the known internal contour, have we discovered all the passageways, etc.? I am inclined to the opinion that we have not. I believe that several passageways, and chambers remain unrevealed. Space does not permit me to set forth the reasons for such belief, but there seems to exist literary evidence that such is the case.

There is one other point in connection with the internal construction that I would call to the reader's attention. The ceiling of the King's Chamber is not a ceiling at all but five blocks so arranged as to leave an "open" ceiling; these blocks are so placed as to prevent the structure from crushing from its own weight. This is called in the Egyptian "Book of the Dead", the "Secret Places of the Most High."

Christ's Birth Predicted

If we study the measurements of these passageways, and grant as true one premise, namely that they write the history of important events in advance, the Monument magically and completely changes its entire purpose of being. To illustrate: If we begin at the entrance and measure to the line of intersection of the Descending and Ascending Passageways, we obtain 1,486 Pyramid inches. A Pyramid inch is .0011 inch less than a British inch. Allowing one Pyramid inch to each solar year, the year of Exodus from Egypt is the result, i. e. 1486 B. C. the 4th of Nisan (April). From other sources this date is corroborated.

From other measurements the exact date of the birth of our Savior can be determined as October 4th., 4 B. C. as the calendar now stands. I could continue along this line for many, many pages, but this will suffice. At this time I am not entering into an argument as to the authenticity of these cal-

culations, but merely stating an example of the possibilities tied up in this the first Wonder of the World.

The question of the chronology of the Monument I shall not in any manner discuss at this time; but the question that naturally arises in the mind of the Reader is: Which is older, the Pyramid or the Egyptian "Book of the Dead"?

If the Reader is thinking of a collection of manuscripts in bound form, then the Pyramid is the older; but if the proper assignment of the name is made, the Book antedates the structure.

Explanation of Egyptian "Book"

The "Book of the Dead" is a name given to a collection of manuscripts of the eighth century B. C. by the famous Egyptologist Lepsius; it is the oldest religious book in existence. In the proper sense it is not a book at all, but a collection of hymns, and litanies having no connection with each other. It is something like the Psalms. As it stands today, it consists of 175 chapters of varying lengths. The Egyptian name is "The Book of the Coming Forth of the Day" according to Renouf; but "The Coming out of the Day" according to the translation of Naville.

The Egyptians considered this Book as inspired by the gods, and their scribe, Thot, wrote it out. The hymns, and litanies were first preserved through the memory, and were in use long before the First Dynasty began to reign. After the First Dynasty, the texts were inscribed on the walls of tombs, written on papyrus, etc. They were first reduced to present form (canonization) at the beginning of the eighteenth Dynasty. Separate recensions existed on separate sheets of papyrus in the beginning.

The "Book of the Dead" is older than the Great Pyramid. Who wrote it? Different scribes, at different periods, exactly in the manner of the writing of our Bible. We find in this book the hypothetical, or ideal pyramid fully described, and "ear-marked". Is this section the actual blue print of the pyramid as it stands today?

The Pyramid Inch

Khufu of the Fourth Dynasty was the political power who erected the Monument; but who was the actual architect, and from whence came he?

The architect and engineer who constructed the Great Pyramid must, of necessity, have been such a mathematician as the world does not possess today; in addition, he must have been also such an engineer as walks not on earth at the present time.

His unit of measure was such that it was at that time standard, and remained such for all time; it is not some arbitrary and variable unit. How did he know to use, as this unit, a portion of the polar diameter of the earth? But this is the unit that he established.

The polar diameter was divided into 500,000,000 units; each unit has been denominated as a Pyramid inch. The British inch is 11/10,000 inch shorter than the Pyramid inch. This Pyramid inch is the ancient Hebrew inch. By using any other system of measurement the Pyramid becomes a mass of contradictions.

This Pyramid inch was the unit of

measurement for everything connected with the Monument. With this inch as the unit of measure there is no such thing as fractions found in the structure. Of course when we translate into feet and inches, we apparently find fractional measurement; but if we maintain continuity, this factor is avoided.

Amazing Construction

Great must have been the architect's skill as an engineer! The capstone is estimated to weigh 50,000 tons. With what machine, or combination of machines, was this stone raised through the perpendicular distance of 450 feet? I leave the answer to any modern engineer. Could it be done with any known machinery?

Someone says that inclined planes were used; i. e. slopes were built as the structure rose, and the stones were hauled up these inclines. If that were true, there would still be remaining some evidence of such ramps. This is not the case. Some such seems to remain in relation to the Second Pyramid, but not the Great Pyramid. So I ask again, how was it done?

Again, the joining of the immense blocks in the structure is so accurate that this piece of work could be accomplished only in modern times by the use of optician's tools. How was it done when the Monument was erected? This structure contains 85,000,000 cubic feet of masonry, and weighs exactly a co-efficient of the earth's calculated weight.

Melchizedek Built the Pyramid

The tradition among the Egyptians of ancient times (long before the historian Herodotus) was that the architect of the Great Pyramid was a non-Egyptian, an Aryan-Phoenician who came to Egypt, a "Shepherd King", Sisithrus, a priest of the order of Mel-

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chizedek. The Egyptians translated this name into Iemhotep (Jemhotep), the "Son of God". He brought the plans (blue prints) with him into Egypt. He was a Master Mason, an architect with skill to nth. degree. As we have the manuscript of Herodotus today, we are informed by him that the builder of the Pyramid was named Philistus, which is a variation of Sisithrus.

The architect was Melchizedek.

This Melchizedek was none other than the CHRIST, the personal manifestation of the God-head. Now do not understand me to say that Melchizedek was Jesus of Nazareth, yet, in spite of the paradox, Jesus and Melchizedek was the same personality!

John 1:1 states, "In the beginning was the WORD, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Melchizedek was "without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life". Melchizedek was the Logos; so was Christ. Christ in Psalm 110 is called "LORD" which represents one of the Trinity.

Melchizedek, Logos, Lord, Christ, all one and the same personality—the Puk-nu-Puk of the Egyptians of the time of Moses and the "Burning Bush" seen in the desert. The word Puk-nu-Puk is translated into English as "the Great I AM", but that is a poor translation, and conveys little of the root meaning of the Egyptian word.

The Great "I AM"

The words Jesus used the night in the Garden of Gethsemane when the temple guards, and the mob were seeking Him, have been the basis of much discussion. He asked who they were seeking, and they answered, "Jesus of Nazareth". He replied, "I AM", i. e. Puk-nu-Puk, or its Hebrew equivalent. The usual translation is: "I am he"; but you will note that the pronoun he is always put in italics in the English version.

When Jesus used the word Puk-nu-Puk the Hebrews instantly knew before whom they stood, and this knowledge knocked them physically to the ground, for they recognized that they were in the presence of the same personality whose voice Moses heard, when he stood by the burning bush, and was commanded to remove his sandals because he was on holy ground.

The order of Melchizedek is the oldest priestly order of which we possess any record, and that is not a record, but a mere mention of the fact that it was an order apparently without beginning. Jesus was of this order. He was born of the tribe of Judah, and therefore could not have been a priest of His people legally of the tribe, or order, of Levi. Yet He was the Messiah, and the High Priest of them all.

Why was Jesus baptized? It was not for the remission of sin, for He was without sin. It was not to establish a ritual for His church, for He did not establish a denomination.

To obey the Law, and become a legal priest of His people, He was obliged to conform to at least two points in the Law. He must have passed His thirtieth birthday; and He must be baptized as a symbol of washing away His

tribal affiliation to Judah, and thus becoming a member of the tribe of Levi. He went into the water a member of the order of Melchizedek, and came out a member of both the tribe of Levi, and the order of Melchizedek.

Jesus had full knowledge either of the hypothetical pyramid, or He knew completely the details of the real one at Gizeh. We feel confident that He was fully acquainted with both. It is significant that Joseph and Mary should have taken Him to Egypt when He was an infant. As Melchizedek, He built it; as Jesus He was fully conscious of that fact, as He was conscious that He was the Son of God. This He realized early

in his life. This is fully displayed in His words to His mother when, at the age of twelve, in the Temple He told her that He must be about His Father's business.

Melchizedek, Logos, Lord, Christ, the Son of God, a pre-existent Uncreated Being—lastly manifested as Jesus of Nazareth, God in the flesh—this Jesus, through the power of the Father, resurrected from the dead and now sitting upon the right hand of God, built the Great Pyramid of Gizeh. The purpose and the date of its building will be discussed in the article next month entitled "Egyptian Chronology and the Pyramid".

THE JOY OF SALVATION

By Evangelist Oliver E. Williams, Pittsburgh, Pa.

"RESTORE unto me the joy of thy salvation." Psalm 51:12.

The experience of David described in this Psalm, is that of a believer out of fellowship with God. And it points clearly the way back into communion and service.

The man who here relates his experience, is none other than the King of Israel; the nation's political, musical and spiritual leader; the threefold leader of the people. He had stood true to God when others had failed but here we find him in the gloom—the joy of his salvation was gone.

Look at this picture; chosen of God to be king; anointed by Samuel and given the throne of both Judea and Israel, but written over his head is that accursed word Ichabod,—"the glory is departed". It is always so when the joy of salvation is gone.

Is Your Joy Gone?

Answer me truly—Is your Christian joy gone? Joy is as natural to a healthy Christian as song is to a bird, as play is to a child, as the blushing rose on the cheek of a girl. Have you lost it?

William E. Cowper was converted while in the asylum at St. Albans. It

was like this: he was given a Bible while still a bit demented. He began to read, and became very fond of it. One day he was converted while reading Romans 3:25, 26, which says: "Whom God has sent forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God: to declare, I say, at this time his righteousness, that he might be just and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus."

While reading this abstract passage he saw the light, although his mind was far from being normal. He gave us the secret later when he wrote: "The Spirit breathed upon the word, and brought the truth to sight." And this is always the secret of genuine conversion. Cowper was soon released from the asylum and became the happy efficient co-worker of John Newton, one of England's great evangelists. He became one of the best known hymn writers of his generation; we are still singing many of his songs. However, in after years he got into the dark and became gloomy and despondent. While in this spiritual condition, he wrote:

**My former hopes are gone
My terror now begins,
I feel alas, that I am dead,
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Have You Slipped Away?

What an important thought is found in Hebrews 2:1, "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip." The margin reads: "Slip away from them." Truth never slips from us, but we are prone to slip away from truth.

I. Have You Slipped Away From The Old Book?

When Hudson Taylor was in this country he was asked the secret of his great power, and replied that when he first went to China, he found the Chinese so inquisitive that he was constantly thronged. This made such demands on his time that it broke his fellowship with God in His Word. He found it necessary to arise at four o'clock in the morning for study and meditation and this became the habit of his life. Fellowship with God, in His Word, is the source of the Christian's power and when you slip away from the Bible you slip from spiritual power. Catch this: "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High; shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

II. Have You Slipped Away From Family Prayer?

Dr. George W. Truett, the great Baptist preacher, tells of a funeral he was asked to conduct of a girl sixteen years old. Seeking a bit of information

that would help him in his ministry of comfort, the mother told him: "Dr. Truett, she was our only child." "Yes, but you sorrow not as others that have no hope," said the minister. She then arose and said to the preacher, "but that is where the trouble is, we have no such hope. Our daughter was not a Christian."

The mother wept bitterly as she continued the story, "While it is true that her father and I were both members of the church even before she was born, it is also true that our darling girl lying in that casket, never heard either of us pray. She was not converted, and we fear that she is lost and her blood will be upon us." Then she became hysterical, in the thought of a lost daughter. Relating this incident Dr. Truett asked, "Who would dare say that her blood would not be upon them?" Father and mother both professing Christians, but had never prayed in their home! May God have mercy on children coming from such homes!

The family altar will anchor the child to high ideals, to Christ and heaven. Have you slipped away from regular, daily prayer?

III. Have You Slipped Away From Your Former Consecration?

Once you liked to sing:

All for Jesus, all for Jesus,
All my beings ransomed powers.
All my thoughts, and words and doings,
All my days and all my hours.

Are your "ransomed powers" all His now?

You used to sing:

Take my silver and my gold
Not a mite would I withhold.

Is this now true? Are your silver and your gold still at His disposal?

Did you not once sing:

Jesus is all the world to me,
I want no better friend.

Is He still your dearest Friend? Or has another crowded in between you and your Lord? Has another taken His place in your friendship? You once proudly sang:

He walks with me and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own.

Are you still walking with Him and is He whispering His sweet message of love to you? Do you know the presence of the blessed Holy Spirit? In Genesis, sixth chapter and twenty-fourth verse, we are told that, "Enoch walked with God; and he was not; for God took him." And in Hebrews 11:5 we read: "For before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. So, to 'walk with God,' is to please Him, and to please Him is to walk with Him. Have you this testimony, or is it an experience of the past? Are you willing to surrender completely to His will just now?

Now I come to ask you the very simple, but all important question, *Why* have you slipped away?

I. Was It Because of Sensual Enjoyment?

There are two marvelously revealing passages at this point, in the Bible. "The pleasures of sin for a season."

And, "lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." The pleasures of sin have allured many, and the love of pleasure has consumed others. My friends, I would have you remember that sensual, worldly pleasure is but the passing moment. It has no abiding quality. Jesus Christ alone can give abiding pleasure to the soul and permanent place to the heart.

It's religion that can give,
Sweetest pleasure while we live;
It's religion must supply,
Solid comfort when we die.

II. Was It Out And Out Sin?

Poor David! He had sinned with Bethsheba. It was that black heinous corroding sin of adultery. He thought no one knew, but God knew. He thought no one saw, but God saw. Nathan the prophet was sent to reprove him. He told David the story of his own sin in the parable of the ewe lamb and David was stirred. For he still had a sense of honor and justice. He declared that the man who had done that thing to the ewe lamb should surely die.

Then Nathan, pointing his finger in the king's face said: "Thou art the man." What a thrust! How sharp the arrow that entered the King's heart! "Thou art the man?" David quelled, he wilted. His conscience pierced him. Now see this man, a king, and a prophet of God, but a sinner; miserable and wretched.

He cried out: "Hide thy face from my sin." Oh God turn your face away. Don't look upon my sin. "My bones are broken. My joy is gone." In Psalm 34:6 David describes himself under the chastening hand: He says: "This poor man cried and the Lord heard him, and

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saved him out of all his troubles."

"This poor man cried." A king, but a poor man! Real riches are of the inner life, not external. You may be rich, and at the same time be as poor as Lazarus. True riches consist in the state of the soul.

"This poor man cried." So poor that possessions turned to poverty. So poor that friends became as foes. So poor that power was as weakness. "This poor man cried." The king became a mere man, a poor man of tears. So poor that the man was but a boy, and the boy but a baby, and as an infant David cried in anguish of heart and pain of soul! "This poor man cried." What next? "And the Lord heard him and saved him out of all his troubles."

That is just like our God. When one sees his own real condition, wrecked by sin—poor and broken, and cries like a child in penitence, then God in His goodness and tender mercy hears and saves. It is always that way.

What Must Be Done?

First, there must be confession. "For I acknowledge my transgressions and my sin is ever before me." To Nathan, David said, "I have sinned." And as soon as confession was made Nathan said, "The Lord hath put away thy sin."

In a Pennsylvania city a man in great trouble came to see me. He said: "I am an officer in the church and my wife and two girls belong to church, but I am unhappy; I think I shall lose my mind if I can not find peace." I asked him the cause of his state of mind, and he answered: "I am a thief." He described his theft. I told him that there was no way of peace except by the way of confession.

He replied: "It will disgrace my family and send me to prison. But," said he, "better that, than to die insane, and be lost." We had prayer, and he went out to make his confession. At the service that evening he came in during the sermon, took a seat near the front, and looked up into my face whispered: "It's all right now." The clouds of despair had given place to the sunrise of hope and his countenance radiated the peace that was within his soul. Oh yes, there must be confession. God blessed him even through suffering.

What must be done? Next, there must be cleansing. "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean, wash me and I shall be whiter than snow." "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Oh sir, make your confession freely, fully, frankly—and having done so, then rely upon His faithfulness in cleansing you from all unrighteousness. Learn to deal with God in finality.

Last, there must be a re-filling of the Holy Spirit. "Take not thy Holy Spirit from me." It is fullness of the Spirit that brings joy and power. But before the prayer can be answered and the joy restored, there must be a renewal of your former consecration.

It was "When the burnt offering began". (II Chron. 29:27)—"that the

song of the Lord began also." There could be no song without the burnt offering. And there can be no restoration of joy until your consecration is once again complete.

If, again you will say: "Take the world but give me Jesus. All its joys are but a name," you will soon be singing: "But His love abideth ever through eternal years the same." If again you say: "My all is on the altar," the fire will soon fall. The Holy Spirit will flood your soul; communion will be restored; and again you will have fellowship sweet with your Lord. And you will soon be singing:

Oh the height and depth of mercy,

Oh the length and breadth of Love,
Oh the fullness of redemption,
Pledge of endless life above.

There are four steps to the restoration of joy and fullness of power. First what God claims, I yield; Second, what I yield, He accepts; Third, what He accepts, He fills; Fourth, what He fills, He uses.

Are you now ready for the text as we close?

"Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation."

I ask you now, saint and sinner alike, to give your self to Christ, in solemn dedication.

THERE GOES THE BRIDE!

By Rev. A. E. Wendt, Chicago, Illinois

THE question of "life hereafter" has come to the front in every generation. Relics of the Old World, two and three thousand years, B. C., not only testify to such a hope, but teach that these Ancient Egyptians anticipated the joy of a suitable body in the world to come.

To similar perplexities, Paul gave answer in a single phrase, namely, the Rapture of the saints at the time of the Lord's return, and through the informal presentation of this doctrine in his letters to the Thessalonians, he sought to "perfect the deficiencies of their faith", as well as to comfort them, to cheer them and to establish them. The fact of the Rapture is interwoven with the idea of life after death. "One shall be taken and the other shall be left" when Jesus comes.

What is the Rapture?

The Rapture is not a "polishing up", but a "dressing up". It is more than a superficial veneer; it is something incorruptible, immortal and solid through and through. It is a new and glorious body, fashioned after the "body of His glory".

What the first Adam lost in the "fall", the Second Adam regains in the Resurrection and the Rapture. A miracle? Yes! Why not? We are in a world of miracles today; why object to miracles in the world to come? Verily,

miracles in that day will be multiplied and intensified.

In water we have two gases; separate them and they burn, mix them and they put fire out. Then too, out of water we have snow, ice, steam, fog, and vapor, and all these are changes in the natural world. When we turn our thought to the supernatural world, we read in the Bible how water was turned into wine, blood, and poison, and in either case it is only a matter of change. Why then should we be troubled over a "change" in the natural bodies of the living saints when they enter the supernatural world at the time of the second coming of Christ?

The Rapture is a "catching up" into the air, of this new and glorious body, which, in the light of the supernatural, presents no serious difficulties. Some think of the event as a dreamy mystical sentiment, a theory or just "thin air", as one of my professors preferred to teach us in school.

Enoch went up, Elijah went up, and Jesus went up. Indeed, the whole matter rests upon the single fact of the Resurrection of Our Lord. If He did not rise from the dead, then our entire system of Christianity comes to a full and fatal climax, and we of all men are the most miserable; for, it is through the same Spirit that raised up Jesus, all this shall be accomplished. Happily, however, the Scriptures and the scientists agree that: "The bodily resurrection of Christ was one of the most certainly attested facts in human history."

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When is the Rapture

Certain Christian students of the Pyramid in Egypt, believe that this ancient Monument places the date of the Rapture in the month of September 1936; whereas, the Scriptures declare: "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh." "In such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be over charged . . . so that day come upon you unawares."

The Bible is not a calender of birth-days, holidays, or excursions, but "as a thief", "as a snare", "suddenly", "in a moment", "in the twinkling of an eye", the Son of man cometh. Just as the sleeping world does not see the Morning Star, so the blind and rebellious people will be wholly unaware of the appearing of the bright and morning star, Jesus our Deliverer from God's coming wrath.

The words: "Behold I come as a thief", precede the words: "He gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon"; and then, as the Spirit points out through the Psalmist: "ONLY WITH THINE EYE SHALT THOU BEHOLD THE REWARD OF THE WICKED".

Deliverance from the wrath has always been God's method of dealing with His people. Noah was taken into the Ark and the door locked before the flood came; and Enoch, a type of the Church, was taken before the deluge. Lot was removed from Sodom before the fire fell; "Haste thee, escape to the mountain, for I cannot do anything until thou come hither", was the command and the confession of the angel. Joseph's family was completed before the "dearth" came upon Egypt. Israel was under the blood before the death angel struck the first born; and Rebekah was in Sarah's tent before the shades of night fell.

The promise is "GOD HATH NOT APPOINTED US TO WRATH"; and the exhortation is "WATCH", for soon, like John on the isle of Patmos, he will hear the voice saying, "Come up hither". Since the wrath of God will be poured out during the age-end, the Bride of Christ will have been removed before the Tribulation, because we are "not appointed to wrath".

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Who Are the Raptured

Certain believers today profess that only those who have reached an "enviable" degree in the stages of spiritual advancement, will be found in the company of the Raptured. But Paul does not lead us into any such uncertain "spiritual status".

In his letters to the Thessalonians, he directs his remarks on the subject, to "believers" and "brethren", which words occur twenty-four times in these epistles. Moreover he assumes that THEY will be in the company that meets the Lord in the air, and that THEY are model converts, "beloved of God". Fundamentally, he describes them as believers in the death and the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

If the Apostle places any extraordinary mark upon them, it would seem to be that inherent and joyful disposition of waiting "for His Son from heaven", a distinguishing characteristic of the Body of Christ, and of the "spirits of just men", who long for the day of full Redemption when they shall receive their glorious bodies concurrent with the Resurrection of the dead and the Rapture of the living saints. No special "gift" or particular "experience" is required to designate those eligible for Rapture.

"Wrapped up" Before Raptured

The Church like a Bride is known by her "outer garment", the clothes she wears. She is "wrapped up", not in the "grave clothes" of "dead works", but in garments of glory. She is "clothed" with affection, faithfulness, modesty, cleanliness and anxiety. She is not only prepared for, but anxious for, the

wedding day.

She is wrapped up, not with books, politics, reform, social culture, or birth control, but with the words of Christ. She teaches them, "rightly" divides them, searches them, and hides them in her heart, as the living words of God.

She is "wrapped up" in the Salvation of Christ, and proclaims Him "according to the Scriptures", as He Himself did on the way to Emmaus, beginning at Moses and the prophets; and like John at Patmos, she will go into exile for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

She is "wrapped up" in the Coming of Christ, and sees to it that this hope becomes a prominent note in her testimony to the brethren and to the world; it is the message that thrills her, energizes her and dominates her, for she not only sees it in the writings of the prophets and the apostles, but she hears in her heart the cry, "Even so come Lord Jesus".

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The Bride is Christ-centered. Her chief adornment, her first and all important concern is the Lord Jesus Christ, His personal presence, His Garments of holiness, His banner of love, His Golden girdle of service, spiritual union, and Christian fellowship.

Like Rebekah, coming to Isaac, she carries a "veil", the conventional sign

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of subordination, not a mark of inferiority, but a symbol of exaltation and glory, the kind of glory that no other creature in heaven or in earth possesses or enjoys—an experience peculiar to the Church of the living God.

"They that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh, but they that are after the Spirit, the things of the Spirit."

Jesus told us to "occupy till I come". Rebekah going to Isaac is a type of the Church going to Christ in the Rapture. On her journey, Rebekah was not "occupied" with the incidental experiences, the burning sand of the desert, the scorching sun or the wobbly camel, but with Isaac. See how her story parallels the history of the Church and the Rapture! Finally, she ran to meet him. In like manner the Church will run to meet the Lord in the atmospheric heavens at the time of the translation.

It was Abraham's trusted servant who went out after Rebekah; so the honored Servant of Jehovah, the Holy Spirit, meets the Bride, wins her, goes with her on her journey, and delivers her into the presence of the Bridegroom. At the end of the journey Rebekah sees a man coming across the field to meet her; she alights from the camel, takes a veil and covers herself. So will it be when the Lord Himself descends from heaven, at the end of the Bride's earthly journey; she too, will cover herself with joy and unspeakable glory.

Why didn't Rebekah vamp Isaac, flash her eye-brows, rattle her bracelets and earrings, her jewelry of silver and gold; or display her skirts, ankles or gaudy gowns? The answer is simple. She knew better. Not only was she kindly disposed toward the prevailing custom of the day as expressed in the use of the veil, and respectful to the instructions of the servant along the way, but she was also true to her convictions founded upon the voice in her modest heart.

The veil is a picture of the garment the Church receives at the Rapture. Paul said: "Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ." It will be an exchange of the poor, vile and humiliating thing, for a glorious, incorruptible body, fashioned after the body of His glory.

"And She Became His Wife and He Loved Her"

These words were spoken concerning Rebekah. So also the Church is going into the "tent of Sarah" to live and reign with Christ forever. She is scheduled for a "honeymoon", a "banquet" and a "wedding".

"And Isaac Was Comforted"

Is there a love that surpasses the love of Christ for His Church? And is it irreverent to say that He will be "comforted" in His new companion, the "pearl of great price"? How fitting that Paul should close this chapter with the words, "So then, comfort one another with these words". What words, but the words concerning the happy event for all believers in the death and the Resurrection of Jesus—THE RAPTURE.

THE RESURRECTION BODY

By Rev. R. I. Humberd, Martinsburg, Pa.

"BUT now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept."

His resurrection body is a pledge and a pattern of our future bodies. Christ is the firstfruit; we who are His, will be raised in incorruptible bodies—bodies like unto His own glorious body.

This raises a question: Did not Christ raise Lazarus and others from the dead? How then can He be the first? Let us remember that Lazarus came back in his *old* corruptible body, but Christ came out of the grave in His *new* resurrection body, a body pulsating with the very life of God.

A Natural Question

"But some men will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?" (1 Cor. 15:35). Certainly this is a most natural question, but not a difficult one to answer.

"That which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, . . . it may chance of wheat, or some other grain; But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased Him" (Verse 37). That is, a little corn-life resides in a grain of corn. We bury the grain in the ground and it dies. A few months later the same corn-life has a new body, a body several feet high.

By looking at a grain of corn, we can have no idea what the new body will be like, but it pleases God to give it a tall stalk for a body. "So also is the resurrection of the dead. . . . It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body." That is, you now have a natural body, a body capable of expression in a realm of material. But bury this body and some day a new body will arise, a spiritual body, capable of expression in the realm of eternal life, a body that will endure while eternities roll.

Many Kinds of Flesh

Some one may wonder how God can make a *real body* which will be capable of expression in a realm of spirits. "All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds." (Verse 39).

If we had never seen a fish, nor heard of one, we would conclude that life is impossible in the water. But God has made fish and given them bodies that are capable of living beneath the waves. He has given fleshy bodies to the beasts and has made it possible for them to live upon the dry land. The birds also have real bodies and yet they are at home in the air. There is absolutely no limit to the creative power of God. He even made the fleshy bodies of three men survive the fierce blast of a burning fiery furnace, and pass through the fearful heat without

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Celestial Bodies

Paul goes on to say: "There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial." You know about the terrestrial or earthly body for you have one, but few have been privileged to see a celestial, or heavenly body. However, the celestial bodies are real and the angels are constantly about us, being "ministering spirits sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation." (Heb. 1:14).

There is music in the room in which I now sit but my ears are not tuned to hear it. It is real, however, for the radio can catch it and tune it for my ear. There may be angels also in this room but my eyes are not able to see them. When Lazarus died the angels carried him to a place of comfort (Luke 16). The angels had been about him all the time but physical eyes could not behold their celestial bodies.

The carnal senses do not readily grasp the reality of spiritual values. No words can be formed in the English language to adequately convey the true meaning of invisible realities. But, when this life is over, we will learn that the only permanent, enduring values are the spiritual things which have to do with human existence.

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An angel stood in the way. Balaam's ass saw him and turned aside but Balaam could see nothing. Finally the Lord opened Balaam's eyes and "he saw the angel" and threw himself "flat on his face" (Num. 22). There are celestial bodies, as well as bodies terrestrial.

The Grim Sower

Death is not a grim reaper. Death is a sower. Our natural body is "sown" in corruption (when life leaves it, we must bury it quickly). It is raised in incorruption. A farmer may buy fifty dollars' worth of oats and throw them over his field. He does not weep at his great loss for he is sowing it with the harvest in view. How comforting if we could "sow" the bodies of our loved ones in the light of the coming resurrection glory.

"There IS a natural body, and there IS a spiritual body" (Cor. 15:44). One is as real as the other. "As we have born the image of the earthly, we SHALL also bear the image of the heavenly" (Verse 49). Just as sure as Christians now have a corruptible body, so they will sometime have a glorious body—a body pulsating with the resurrection life of our Lord.

"Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God". This body as it is, can not pass through the pearly gates. Our Lord dwells in a "light which no man can approach unto" (1 Tim. 6:16). Thus to dwell in heaven we must have a body that is capable of expression in a realm of such purity.

A Marvelous Transformation

"We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed" (Cor. 15:51). Millions of Christians have died, but some will never die. Those who are living at the moment of the resurrection during the closing time of this age, will instantly be changed, thus receiving their glorious bodies without falling beneath the stroke of that dread enemy of mankind called death.

"In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump." It takes God

several months to change the body of the little grain of corn into a large stalk, but it will take only an instant to change the corruptible bodies of His people.

The Caterpillar's New Body

As we behold the caterpillar and various worms in their lowly and repulsive existence, we can not see the beauty of their new and glorious bodies. But as the time of their sojourn as worms draws to a close, the humble creatures wrap themselves in their cocoons and sleep through the long winter months. Some wrap in a brown paper package and hang to a willow twig; other form a wonderful shell of celluloid and lay beneath the ground; while still others spin a nest of cotton and stick beneath the rail on the fence.

The soft balmy breezes of spring, and the warm rays of the summer sun, call them forth, not to the old life as humble creature of the dust, but to a new life, a life in bodies that rival the hues of the rainbow and that flit from flower to flower.

Changed Without Sleeping

Like the Christians, not all worms go to sleep, but they are all changed when they become butterflies. Well do I remember, as a boy, the havoc made by the cut worms on cold and damp spring days. "This weather will hatch out the cut worms," my father would say, as the sun came beating upon the earth.

I recall, as a little Indiana lad, how I went to the corn field and watched the cut worms in their various stages of development. There is a worm; he stands straight up on one end, as the long slow process brings forth his transformation—finally the new creature wiggles out of the old skin, a creature with legs and silken wings and fitted for life in the air.

"Our Vile Body"

Let us remember that our resurrection body will be the same body (as to identity) as the one in which we now dwell. We are looking for the "Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body" (Phil. 3:21). Our "vile" body or "the body of our humiliation" (R. V.) is to be changed.

And what a humiliation my body is

to me. Here I am, a child of the great God and yet I can not outrun a cat. The birds are masters of the air I breathe, but gravitation binds me down to mother earth. Angels flit from heaven to earth without fatigue, while I must plod along and stop for needed rest. But some time I, like the worm, will have a new body.

It will be a glorious body—a body like that of my Lord. No longer will I suffer pain nor long for needed rest; no longer will my teeth ache nor my eyes; no longer will my feet cramp nor head throb, for these former things will have passed away (Rev. 21:4).

When The Impossible Is Possible

A missionary was telling an African chief about some of the wonders of his homeland. Finally he told him that up in his country, water got so hard they could walk on it. "Ah", said the chief, who had always lived in the tropics, "I thought you were lying to me, but now I know it".

The unbelief of that chief did not make void the fact of ice. So with us today; the resurrection body may go beyond our reason but marvel not for ALL that are in the graves shall hear His voice and come forth. This seemed difficult for king Agrippa, but Paul cried, "Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead" (Acts 26:8). Ah, there is our answer. When we bring God into consideration, all things are possible. If births were not so numerous we would also consider them impossible.

"Some of you shall they cause to be put to death. . . But there shall not an hair of your head perish" (Luke 21:18). Nineteen hundred years have passed since the bodies of these martyrs gave way, but the promise still holds and not one hair will be missing at the resurrection.

Two men may be walking the streets together. In the heart of one, Satan is injecting his thoughts of hate and doubt, while the heart of the other is aglow with the love of God. Time passes and both men die. Both do not, however, come out in the same resurrection. "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection. . . the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished." (Rev. 20:6). One comes out of the grave before the Millennium to enter a life of joy and peace; the other is

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The Future Depends Upon The Present

Some moths do not have mouths. Their entire existence as a butterfly depends upon the way they spend their time as a worm. The worm feeds voraciously. If the vegetation is green and abundant, the worm will enter the cocoon in perfect condition and come forth a marvelous butterfly. If the summer is dry and food is poor, its wings will not be so beautiful.

And so it is with the Christian. We are now in the worm stage. Our future happiness depends upon the way we spend our time and energy now. Christians should read their Bible every day and feed upon its message, for it is their source of spiritual food and strength.

If the summer for the worm is bright and sunny, the wings of the moth will be bright and gorgeous. If we now walk in the sunshine of God's grace, keeping ourselves in the love of God (Jude 21) and feed upon His Word, our future lives will reflect it.

The Water-Lily

Once upon a time, so the story goes, there was a little green millpond. There were a few little fishes in its water and some frogs upon its bank. One day a little black ball slowly sank through the water and settled in the soft ooze at the bottom.

"Oh," said the ooze, "What is this?"

"I am a water-lily," said the little black ball.

"I have often wondered what a water-lily looked like," said the ooze, "and now I know. It is just a little black ball."

"Oh! No," said the water-lily, "it doth not yet appear what I shall be". Time passed and a long green stem grew up through the water.

"Oh!" said the little fishes, "what is this?"

"I am a water-lily," said the long green stem.

"We have often wondered what a water-lily looked like," said the little fishes, "and now we know. It is just a long green stem."

"No, No," said the water-lily, "it doth not yet appear what I shall be". The long green stem grew and soon there were big broad leaves floating upon the surface of the water.

"Oh!" said the little frogs, "What is this?"

"I am a water-lily," said the big broad leaves.

"We have often wondered what a water-lily is," said the little frogs, "and now we know. It is just a big broad leaf".

"No, No," said the water-lily, "it doth not yet appear what I shall be".

Then one bright clear morning when the little frogs awoke, there, before their wondering eyes, was a most beautiful water-lily with its soft white petals reflecting the warm rays of the summer sun.

"Beloved.. it doth not yet appear

what we shall be; but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him." Thank God. (1 John 3:2).

Some day, should the Lord tarry, we will all fall asleep in Jesus. But Oh the joy to know that, "I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness." (Ps. 17:15).

CERTAINLY H. L. Mencken, former editor of *The American Mercury*, can not be accused of writing from the viewpoint of religious bias. He recently published a demolishing exposure of Communism: "The Russian workman today is the slave of a kind of Capitalism so grasping that it would not be tolerated anywhere else. It not only owns his tools; it also owns the miserable quarters in which he lives, the meager stores from which he must get his food and clothing.... He must take whatever wages, it deigns to offer him. The moment he resists its mandates he may be put to forced labor without any compensation whatever."

IN A FEARLESS speech delivered before Congress recently, George Tink-

ham of Massachusetts said: "On November 16, 1933, the United States of America recognized the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. This recognition was based upon several specific and exact pledges made in writing on behalf of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics by its People's Commissar of Foreign Affairs, Maxim Litvinoff. These pledges were accepted complacently at face value by the international Socialists in control of the Government of the United States.. All of these pledges have been wholly repudiated."

A RECENT article in the *Forum* magazine complains that there are too many crooked lawyers in politics and legislative halls. It quotes Attorney General Cummings as saying: "If we (the lawyers) fail to break up the liaison between certain members of our profession and the leaders of organized crime, we can not complain when public movements are instituted to do for us what we have been unable to do for ourselves."

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destruction of Protestant Christianity. Other Jews who cooperated with Loyola included Falanca and Barnay.

The statement made by Disraeli, on this subject, is most interesting. It will be recalled that Disraeli was England's Jewish Prime Minister in the early part of the nineteenth century. In his book "Coningsby" he says:

"You never observe a great intellectual movement in Europe in which the Jews do not greatly participate. THE FIRST JESUITS WERE JEWS: that mysterious Russian diplomacy which so alarms Western Europe is organized and principally carried on by Jews; the mighty revolution which will be in fact a second and greater Reformation, and of which so little is yet known in England, is entirely developing under the auspices of Jews, who almost monopolize the professorial chairs of Germany."

In this remark, Disraeli was referring to the underground planning being carried on by Jews at that time (1844) which came to the surface four years later, resulting in the First Communist Manifesto by Karl Marx, whose real Jewish name was Mordecai. The quotation continues:

"Neander, the founder of 'Spiritual Christianity', and who is Regius Professor of Divinity in the University of Berlin, is a Jew. Benary, equally famous, and in the same University, is a Jew. Wehl, the Arabic Professor of Heidelberg, is a Jew. Years ago, when I was in Palestine, I met a German student who was accumulating materials for the History of Christianity and studying the genius of the place; a modest and learned man. It was Wehl; then unknown, since become the first Arabic scholar of the day, and the author of the Life of Mahomet."

Disraeli goes on to explain how the various governments of Europe were at that time ruled by members of his race, and then he says: "The world is governed by very different personages from what is imagined by those who are not behind the scenes."

The killing of the French Protestants was one of the most ruthless and cold-blooded crimes ever committed in the world's history.

It has been remarked that the Jesuits operate as the militaristic organization. The Order has been correctly called "the secret service department of the Pope".

After launching his movement in Spain, Loyola journeyed to Rome and secured the approval of the Pope in 1541. The head of the Order became known as the international General. He wields absolute power over the members who are pledged to blind obedience. Because he always dresses in black, he is known as the "Black Pope".

Although subservient to the Pope, the organization is so shrewdly constructed that if it was ever to break with Rome, its own existence would not be imperiled.

There have been instances in history when the Roman Church has thoroughly disapproved of the methods of the

Jesuits, as in the circumstance of 1773 when the Pope abolished the organization. Yet, without the sanction of the Church, the Order went right ahead with its nefarious activities.

During the years 1573 to 1580 the office of international General was filled by a Belgian Jew named Eberhard Mercurian. Thus a Jewish "Black Pope" shared the Vatican with the Catholic "White Pope".

The present General is Vladimir Ledochowski, a native of Poland.

RETURNING to the Huguenots, our minds go back to that tragic Sunday, August 24, 1572. Two political powers had risen in France; one was Catholic and the other was Protestant.

Admiral de Coligny was the much loved and highly respected leader of the Huguenots. Even his enemies were compelled to respect him for his integrity and high sense of honor. In spite of years of torture, the Protestants acquired sufficient strength to meet the Catholics on their own level by negotiating an agreement of peace in 1570, known as the Treaty of St. Germain.

This was not at all pleasing to the Jesuits, who continued their underground plotting, abiding their time, waiting for the psychological moment when they could spring upon the Protestants like a cat leaps upon an unsuspecting bird.

Finally the hour came, on a quiet Sunday, the day of St. Bartholomew, in 1572. A general massacre was begun when the signal was given by the ringing of church bells at St. Germain's Cathedral. While in Paris in January of this year, I visited this old Church, and as I contemplated the horrible butchery to which the Protestants had been subjected, and realized that history might repeat itself in our day and generation a chill instinctively swept through my soul.

When the Jesuits struck, it was like a bolt of lightning, out of a clear sky. The Huguenots were taken completely off their guard. In a few minutes the streets of Paris were running red with Christian blood. Coligny himself was murdered. The massacre soon spread to other French cities. The number slain is estimated at one hundred thousand. Thanks to the Jesuits!

When the Pope heard the news he ordered *Te Deums* to be sung at Rome.

As secret planners in the art of destruction, the Jesuits have earned for themselves quite a reputation. For instance: When a visitor is being shown through the Parliament buildings of London, the guide invariably pauses at a certain place to explain the Gun Powder plot of 1605 which provided for the killing of the King of England and every member of Parliament. Thirty-six barrels of gun

powder, more than a ton, were stored beneath the building and had the plot not been discovered two days before Parliament met, there would have been an awful catastrophe.

This scheme was traced to the Jesuits and several of their leaders were put to death as a result.

In tracing modern Communism back to its source, we discover that these two streams—Jesuitism and Judaism—meet in the year 1776.

One of the leading Jesuits of that period was Adam Weishaupt, a teacher in Ingolstadt University, located in southern Germany. This man created a Jewish controlled organization, known as the Illuminati, which was supposed to embody ancient and advanced degrees of Freemasonry.

IN my book "Adam Weishaupt A Human Devil", I have endeavored to explain how he gained control of practically all the Masonic lodge rooms of Europe and changed them into secret centers of revolutionary planning. He found Masonry to be an ideal cloak for hiding his crimes against the existing social order. Weishaupt was essentially a destroyer. But his extraordinary mental power is freely admitted by all students of his life and work.

What clay is in the hands of the potter, Freemasonry in Europe became in the hands of Weishaupt. He and his fellow conspirators went about illuminizing lodges. When a lodge room was thoroughly illuminized by putting on Weishaupt's capstone of advanced degrees, it simply meant that the minds of the members had become warped and twisted into believing that religion and morality should be abolished, that the right to own private property should be destroyed, and that orderly government and patriotism should be blotted out.

A study of the Illuminati will show where all the modern ideas of Bolshevism originated.

In the latter part of the eighteenth century, a Scotch Protestant by the name of John Robison, himself a genuine Freemason, made a tour of the lodges of continental Europe and discovered how Masonry had been perverted by the demoralizing touch of the Illuminati. He dared to expose the whole thing in a treatise entitled: "Proofs of a Conspiracy against all the Religions and Governments of Europe carried on in the Secret Meetings of Free-Masons, Illuminati, and Reading Societies."

Robison found that in both France and Germany "the lodges had become the haunts of many projectors and fanatics, both in science, in religion, and in politics, who had availed themselves of the secrecy and freedom of speech maintained in these meetings. . . In their hands Freemasonry became a thing totally unlike, and almost in direct opposition to, the system imported from England, where the rule was observed that nothing touching religion or government shall ever be spoken of in the lodges," and finally came under the influence of leaders who "disbelieved every word that they uttered and every doctrine that they

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THE name of this Author is not generally associated with the subject of Bible prophecy because of his labors as an opponent of the liquor traffic and official leader of the Methodist Board of Temperance and Morals.

In the first seven verses of the eighteenth chapter of Isaiah, there are eleven specific references to the United States. Example: Dr. Wilson assures us that the correct translation of Isaiah 18:7 is as follows: "A nation that meteth out by line and treadeth down."

"The literal translation would be the land measured out under the treading, that is, a land measured out by lines under the feet . . . About the time that Florida and Louisiana were taken into the Union, and Ohio taken in as a state, the government passed a law that all public lands should be surveyed by the north star, and a base line run east and west and all this land cut up into mile square sections . . . No nation was ever so meted out in blocks before . . . If you buy a lot or acre in England today, your description will begin with a rock or tree, or corner of a barn or fence."

Equally interesting is the theory offered regarding the origin of the North American Indian who is said to be an Egyptian. Proof is submitted by calling attention to the Pyramids of Mexico which resemble those of Egypt; also the similarity of temples, implements for cultivating the soil, hieroglyphics and numerous symbols. It is supposed, in the pages of this book, that at the time of Peleg (Genesis 10:25) "the earth divided" and what is now known as North and South America, pulled away from Europe and Africa leaving the oceans between.

In another section of this interesting brochure, Dr. Wilson gives the following statistics: "There are sixteen million Jews in the world and twelve million of these are in the United States. Six million are in greater New York, while Germany only has six hundred thousand. The Jewish center is here. . . . Three-fourths of all the Jews in the world live under our flag."

This review, although rather lengthy, fails to do justice to this book which must be read, and studied with an open Bible, to be fully appreciated.

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then I have never been disturbed by argument, ridicule or fear."

This new book, consisting of a series of seven conversational talks, ranks well with previous writings by the same Author. Mr. Babson is a business executive, an expert in matters pertaining to economics and high finance; he is the world's leading statistician. His philosophy is summed up in this sentence: "Our economic and social problems are fundamentally religious problems."

Mr. Babson is not a theologian and he is wise enough to know it. Therefore, this book is written from the angle of a "hard headed" business man who has a natural bent toward philosophy. The discussion is sure to strike a responsive cord among professional men and women who realize the importance of *character in business* and are trying to harmonize practical religion with the problems of every day life.

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One requirement of the Illuminati was that its leaders should change their names. Weishaupt took the name Spartacus—the leader of an insurrection of slaves in the ancient Roman Empire. In like manner, the principal leaders of the Bolshevik movement in Moscow, live today under assumed names.

Modern Communism and old Jewish Illuminism are one and the same thing!

But for the present, the phase of the subject that interests us most, is the manner in which the secret govern-

ment of the Illuminati was patterned after that of the Jesuits.

Weishaupt, being a Jesuit, was familiar with the sinister methods used by the Order in pulling wires from behind the scenes. By this means he was able to invent a spy system which gave him absolute power, at the top, to impress his will upon every member of his organization down the line, reaching into the remotest parts of Europe where the system existed.

If Weishaupt gave up some of the religious doctrines of the Jesuits, he was careful to appropriate the Order's plan of organizing. Many Jesuits followed him into the Illuminati. It is a question whether or not Weishaupt was a Jew—but it is well known that the majority of leaders, who worked with him in dictating the policies of his organization, were Jews. In other words: he was in the center of a Jewish circle. The Illuminati was as truly Jewish, as is the Moscow dictatorship, at the present time.

A further quotation from Robison will show the unmistakable parallel between the Illuminati and modern Communism. He says that it "abjured Christianity, advocated sensual pleasures, believed in annihilation, and called patriotism incompatible with uni-

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Missionary Reports

Special Needs In Puerto Rico

THE following extract, from an important letter sent to Wichita Headquarters by Dr. J. F. Rodriguez, should strike a responsive chord in the heart of every Defender Reader who possesses the true missionary motive. Dr. Rodriguez is Superintendent of the Spanish work of the Defenders Movement in the West Indies. He says:

"This month calls for an extra large outlay of money on this field. We have to buy license for the Gospel Car ('Church on Wheels') for the year ending June 30, 1936.

"To meet this expense and to provide a pair of new tires, with a few other necessities for the Car, we will have to pay \$75.00.

"The Gospel Car is a hard worker. It goes all the time. It is known all over Puerto Rico and is seen daily on the highways. It is one of our most valuable assets in 'Gospelizing'."

This extra expense, for the present month, would not have seemed large back in 1929 before the Depression, but today \$75.00 is a big sum to be drawn from any missionary treasury!

Help keep wheels under the Gospel in Puerto Rico by cooperating in lifting this load.

The Defenders Spanish Missionary program in the West Indies embraces the following lines of work: Open Air gatherings, Bible Conferences and Evangelistic Campaigns in the struggling Protestant Churches, Weekly Radio broadcasts, the "Spanish Defender Magazine" (*El Defensor Hispano*), Gospel Tabernacles at Guayama and Rio Piedras, Bible Training Institute for Young People who are preparing for Christian service, Defenders Chapels, Colportage Work, Physical Relief for people who are living in poverty—and other activities.

THIS IS WORTHY WORK, THOROUGHLY DESERVING OF YOUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS.

Christians enjoy singing: "Hold the Fort for I am Coming". Let us unite our efforts in holding the Missionary Fort in Puerto Rico this month!

Offerings sent to Wichita Headquarters for this purpose will be forwarded directly to the Field. Regardless of the size of your gift, it will be thankfully received and duly acknowledged.

Navajo Indians

VERY interesting and encouraging letters are being received these days from Miss Katherine Beard, the representative of the Defenders among the Navajo Indians of Arizona. Equally inspiring are the reports from Rev. and

Mrs. Mercado telling of the victories being won among the Yaqui Indians.

How the hearts of the missionaries must rejoice to see lives transformed, minds energized, hearts purified, morals elevated, and living conditions among semi-savage people changed! After all, the greatest investment that can be made is an investment in souls.

What a challenge comes to Defender Readers from the deserts of Arizona! The Navajo reservation alone contains over 13,000,000 acres, two-thirds of which is waste land. The tribe has increased in the past 60 years from about 8,000 to over 43,000.

The Navajos have no written language other than sand-painting. The home of the Navajo is called a hogan, usually made of poles or rock. It has but one door and a hole at the top for smoke to escape. It has one single room with a dirt floor. The dishes and clothing are never washed. The family sleeps on the pelts of sheep, and their food is mutton, tortilla (black bread baked over hot coals) and, if they can afford it, coffee once in a while. They are heirs to unspeakable diseases. The "Medicine Men," or witch-doctors, are

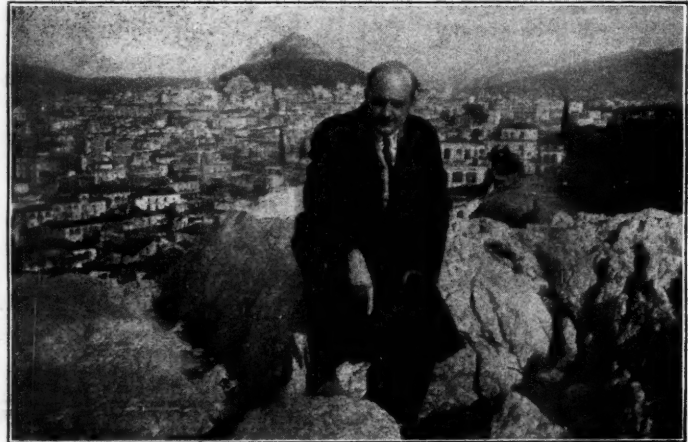
a constant source of torture.

And, mark you, fellow American!—this is not China or Japan, but Arizona! How close to us, and yet how far away! May God hasten the day when these 43,000 Navajos will everyone be evangelized.

As the contributions come in to the Wichita Office for this needed work, so the advancement of the present efforts is made possible. Every dollar received for Indian Missions goes directly to the Field. Whites have given liquor and many sinful things to the Red Man; now let's give him the Gospel which alone can dispel the black night of superstition, disease, ignorance and misery in which he lives.

Paul's Latest Report

"AS long as the Readers of the beloved Defender Magazine are willing to supply my needs, I will keep on the firing line out here in dark Africa; I am ready to go through 'no man's



MARS' HILL

THE above picture of Dr. Winrod was taken on the top of Mars' Hill where the Apostle Paul stood at the time he preached the sermon recorded in Acts 17:22-34. A part of the city of Athens may be seen in the background. The Hill is composed of a huge mass of rock. It is believed that a large pagan temple stood here in the days of Paul.

To the left of Dr. Winrod, a few hundred yards, is the famous Acropolis, another elevation on which the most noted building in the world stands, the Parthenon. A huge image to the Goddess Athena stood on the Acropolis at the time of Paul's visit to Athens. With undaunted courage the great Apostle dared rebuke the Greeks for their idolatry.

Although there is a sense in which Greece was the cradle of the Christian Church, yet this Country is today wrapped in superstition and paganism, possessing little or no real Christianity. The Greek Orthodox Church is a travesty upon the term Christian.

The Defenders Movement, through its representative Rev. A. Velonis, is giving a faithful Gospel witness to the Greeks. This is a very important phase of missionary endeavor. Its only means of financial support is from offerings sent to the Wichita Headquarters by Readers of this Magazine. If humanly possible, please make a contribution to this great work, bearing in mind that missionary giving invariably encounters a slump during the summer months. Therefore, it is doubly important that Defender Readers shall "stand by the guns" during August.

land', where my hungry people have never heard of God, Christ or the blessed Scriptures", writes Paul Revere, the converted son of a heathen witch-doctor, who is doing such noble missionary work among his own benighted people.

Paul's last report, telling of an evangelistic tour along the Kru coast and into the interior, covers seven pages of closely spaced, typewritten material.

In his opening remarks he says: "By the mercy of God, and in answer to the prayers of American Defender Friends, I have been preserved in the face of dangers. I was delivered from perils of the sea experienced in a leaky boat. For days and weeks I walked and declared the unsearchable riches of truth where roads are few, through unbroken forests, across pools and streams, many miles from the sea coast into wild jungles, carrying the Gospel news to hungry people who are crying for help where total darkness prevails.

"There are 48 Kru tribes in Liberia which need a great spiritual awakening and I am determined, by the Grace of God, to do my utmost to promote continuous evangelization. I want to bring all to Christ who can be reached and I want to help educate the young to win others. From my heart I can sing the hymn I learned at the Practical Bible Training School in America: 'Where He leads me I will follow'."

Paul's report tells of penetrating vast areas for the first time "where Christ has not before been named and where heathenism prevails". He speaks of a "new day dawning" in another section where converted natives have gone together and built a structure 50 by 100 feet, "the largest building in this hinterland". He describes the joy which filled his soul as he saw the new building packed with anxious people, "heathen in the far hinterland listening eagerly to the glad tidings of salvation, hearing the message in their own tongue".

Several times, in this thrilling statement, Paul tells of anxious throngs begging him to send preachers to remain permanently and teach them. In some instances he has been able to comply with such requests.

Missionary gifts sent to the Wichita Headquarters, designated especially for the African work, have made it possible for the Message to go forward until the present hour. The month of July brings added responsibilities. One hundred per cent of every offering is forwarded to the workers in Liberia. Nothing is kept out to finance "secretaries" etc., at home. Let Friends everywhere pray that all needs will be met on time.

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International Sunday School Lesson Comments For Month of August and First Sunday of September By Rev. Paul S. Wight, First Christian Church, Asheville, N. C.

Lesson for August 11.

DANIEL (Temperance and Health)

Dan. 1:8-20

THE real purpose of a man's heart tells what the man is. It is this that God looks at (2 Cor. 9:7; 8:12; Lu. 16:15). There can be no steadiness of life and action without steadfastness of purpose (Ac. 11:23). Daniel's purpose was fixed and unalterable. Carrying it out involved great daily sacrifice and great peril, but there Daniel stood, and God, of course, stood by him.

"If we are in God's line, God will bring things into line with us."

His wisdom was indeed the wisdom that cometh from above (Jas. 3:17). Beside such wisdom, all earthly knowledge is as a child's alphabet. No matter how learned a man may be, if he have not this wisdom, he is as a mariner without a compass, as a traveler that has lost his way.

The conditions upon which God bestows wisdom are, first, as illustrated here, unwavering obedience to His will (comp. Jno. 14:15, 16, 26, R.V.); second, prayer (Jas. 1:5-7; Col. 1:9); third, the study of the Word (Ps. 119:98-100, 130).

It seemed three years back as if Daniel and his friends had sacrificed everything by their stern conscientiousness, but in reality they had gained everything. It always comes out that way in the long run. But those who are loyal today will stand some day before a greater King than Nebuchadnezzar.

"Daniel continued." He had good staying qualities. What was the secret of it? Others came and went, even great kings and dynasties, but Daniel continued (1 Jno. 2:17).

The truth of God is learned through the conscience; and this is the reason why most brilliant men can read the Bible through, over and over again, and never hear the voice of God in it at all. It has been said that "what is one man's meat is another man's poison." The very word of God may become poison to an unspiritual man, if he reads it without being in subjection to God,—reads it to find difficulties; and arises from its perusal more confirmed in his unbelief than he was when he sat down to consider it. But, on the other hand, the same book put into the hands of a spiritually-minded person—one who has bowed in God's presence, owning his lost condition, who has trusted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour, and who is now seeking to live for God, and to let his whole life be subject to His word—that man sits down to the same book, and he finds it to be food for his soul, building him up on his most holy faith.

Lesson for August 18.

MARTHA (A Home Maker)

Luke 10:38-42; Jno. 11:17-28

MARY took her place at His feet as a learner. There is no other place so good to learn as at Jesus' feet.

In the eleventh chapter of John we shall again see Mary at Jesus' feet in supplication (Jno. 11:32). It is not likely that she would ever have found her way to Jesus' feet in the time of her deep sorrow had she not before that hour found her way to Jesus' feet for teaching.

Then in John 12 we shall find her once again at Jesus' feet for adoration.

There are many women today, and men too, who are so much taken up with their working and worrying for Jesus that they miss the privilege of hearing Jesus.

Martha was occupied FOR Jesus. Mary was occupied WITH Jesus. Martha was occupied with many THINGS; Mary was occupied not with many things, but with a PERSON, and only ONE PERSON. Martha was consequently "distracted" (v. 40, R. V. Marg.). but Mary was at rest.

A close study of this story of Martha and Mary seems to lead to the conclusion that the lessons, under the surface, that Jesus wanted to teach were (1) a woman with a task and no vision is a drudge; (2) a woman with a vision and no task is a visionary; (3) the vision and the task must be combined to get the best results.

Some popular proverbs are wrong. It is said that you "must not count your chickens before they are hatched;" but the farmer's wife who does not count—look after the eggs and the setting hens—her chickens before they are hatched will have no chickens.

V. 25—Even if we die believing in Him, yet shall we live, for there is a resurrection "out from among the dead" for the "dead in Christ" at the "resurrection of the just."

V. 26—But if we are living believers at the time of His coming, "we shall never die" but be "changed in a moment in the twinkling of an eye" (1 Cor. 15:51-52), and be fashioned like unto his glorious body" (Phil. 3:21), and be caught up with the raised and glorified "dead in Christ" and "so shall we ever be with the Lord" (1 Thess. 4:16-17).

Lesson for August 25.

BARNABAS (A Consecrated Man of Means)

Acts 4:36,37; 11:19-30

"He was a good man." It is far more important that a man be good

than that he be brilliant, if he is to edify young converts. He was also "full of the Holy Ghost." He was also "full of faith," and no man that is not, need undertake the work of instructing and developing young converts, especially converts from heathenism so dark as that in Antioch.

"WHEN HE WAS COME, AND HAD SEEN THE GRACE OF GOD, WAS GLAD." It is sad to say that not a few who see the grace of God wrought, through other hands than their own, are mad, and try to belittle it.

He was a friend of the suspected. The other disciples were suspicious of Saul. There is always a strange reluctance to believe in the goodness of people who have been reclaimed. We suspect that their tears may be only part of their trickery. We say, "What is he up to now?" "Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles." This kind need the friendship of men who shield them from suspicion and who by their confidence nourish their frailty into hopeful strength.

Later Barnabas championed John Mark and favored giving him a second chance after he had deserted them on the first missionary tour. Paul would not take him but Barnabas did.

How much we are indebted to the folk who seek out the hidden people, the folk who fetch us out of our holes! There are thousands of people hiding away in forgotten corners, and Barnabas is needed to bring them to their places of ministry and service.

No sooner did they hear of the hard times coming than they determined to send relief "unto the brethren that dwelt in Judaea." They regarded hard times not as times for retrenchment but for expansion in the work of the Kingdom.

One mark of a real generosity of soul is the absence of jealousy; a man is very far on in grace when it can be said of him that he is never jealous. "Love," says Paul, "envieth not."

Lesson for September 1.

PAUL (Worker with Hand and Brain)

Acts 20:23-35; Phil. 4:4-13

From its inception on earth the church has been interested in the toiler. Its founder, Jesus Christ, spent ten-elevenths of His life (Luke 3:23) in a carpenter's home (Matt. 13:5) and in the carpenter's trade (Mark 6:3), during which He developed that spirit which called all who labor and are heavy laden to Himself (Matt. 11:28). He built His church almost wholly of common working people (John 1:35-51). He gave the keys of His kingdom to a fisherman (Matt. 16:19).

"In nothing be anxious." Nothing is made up of no-thing. It is impossible

to put anything into no-thing. Nothing is a circle with everything excluded. Your child's sickness; your boy's waywardness; your neighbor's meanness—all are excluded. They are but tests of your willingness to obey God rather than the promptings of human nature.

There is a reason. Worry is incompatible with a life of prayer. It prevents us from praying and God from working. Do not worry, "but—" Adopt the prayer method instead. "In everything by prayer and supplication." Now we understand God's ways with us. Everything is excluded from care that it might be included in prayer.

We are bidden to regard the Christian life, if you please, as comprised of three circles. Draw them, in your imagination. First, the *Worry Circle*: to be scriptural its content must be "Nothing." Second, the *Prayer Circle*: into it must be brought "Everything." Third, the *Thanksgiving Circle*: it must be filled with "Anything" that gratitude calls to mind.

There is a life that can, and does, know the peace of God as a constant experience (6,7); that has the sweet sense of His presence at all times (8,9); that is made sufficient with divine strengthening (13); that has its every need supplied (19). It's a life lived "in the Lord" (1-5).

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versal benevolence; they accounted all princes usurpers and tyrants, and all privileged orders as their abettors; they meant to abolish the laws which protected property accumulated by long-continued and successful industry; and to prevent for the future any such accumulating, they intended to establish universal liberty and equality for all this they intended to root out all religion and ordinary morality, and even to break the bonds of domestic life, by destroying the veneration for marriage-vows, and by taking the education of children out of the hands of the parents."

WITHOUT their spy systems both Jesuits and Communists would be helpless. The systems are similar because Weishaupt got his ideas about spying from the Jesuits.

Every Jesuit is a spy spying on another Jesuit, always reporting all information to a certain leader directly above.

At the risk of being a little tedious, let us turn to the Encyclopaedia Britannica for a brief summary regarding the inner workings of the Jesuitical spy system: "The superiors... in Europe must report weekly to their provincial on all matters concerning the members of the society and all outsiders with whom they may have had dealings of any sort. The provincial, for his part, must report monthly to the general, giving him a summary of all details which have reached himself. But, as a check on him, all superiors are to make separate reports directly to the General once in three months, and further to communicate with him, without delay, every time any matter of importance occurs, irrespective of any information which the provincial may have forwarded.

"Nor is this all: an elaborate system of espionage and delation forms part of the recognized order of every house, and... every inmate of a house is liable to secret accusation to its superior, while the superior himself may be similarly delated to the provincial or the General."

With such a system of checking and "double checking", each member pledged to blind obedience to his superior officer in the rank above him, everyone kept in darkness as to the activities of the Order about him, realizing himself to be only a cog in a great wheel, ready to follow blindly the instructions received from his guiding leader, it is not difficult to understand how one man at the top of the pyramid could regulate the entire system as the Jesuits apparently do from Rome, and as the Communists do from Moscow.

It was the force of dynamic Protestantism in England, that saved the Country from the misfortune which came upon France; it was the Protestant Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ that destroyed the secret powers of Jesuitism and Illuminism and preserved the Nation in an hour of crisis when it looked for a time, as if a bloody revolution was inevitable.

And, today—the United States is faced with the necessity of making a similar choice. Will the Church of Jesus Christ meet the issue?

Time will tell!

TRACTS HELPED LAUNCH REFORMATION

IN the fifteenth century, when the yoke of the Church of Rome became unbearable, the Reformers in different parts of Europe felt the need of an adequate means whereby they could spread their views among the masses.

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During this period different individuals in different countries, began to grapple with the problem. In a short time, almost simultaneously, leaders were making use of the art of printing.

The Church was quick to avail itself of this opportunity for pouring forth a stream of books, tracts and pamphlets. The effect of this method of arousing the people was truly tremendous! Before long, all the countries of Europe were flooded with religious literature. Popular enlightenment was the result!

The Pope and his leaders became frantic. They made desperate attempts to clog this stream with a severe censorship, for they knew, by keeping the common people ignorant, their interests would be secure. However, their efforts were in vain; printing presses kept busy, pouring out the literature and thus the Reformation was born.

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